

entrepreneur and the alien spouse and children of such entrepreneur if the Secretary determines, not later than 3 years after the date on which such permanent resident status was conferred, that—

“(A) the qualified venture capitalist or qualified super angel investor who sponsored the entrepreneur failed to meet the investment requirements under section 203(b)(6)(A)(i); or

“(B) the entrepreneur failed to meet the job creation, capital investment, or revenue generation requirements under section 203(b)(6)(A)(ii).”;

(4) in subsection (c)—

(A) in paragraph (1)—

(i) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by inserting “sponsored entrepreneur,” after “alien entrepreneur,”; and

(ii) by striking “alien entrepreneur must” each place such term appears and inserting “entrepreneur shall”; and

(B) in paragraph (3)—

(i) in subparagraph (A)(ii), by inserting “or sponsored entrepreneur” after “alien entrepreneur”; and

(ii) in subparagraph (C), by inserting “sponsored entrepreneur,” after “alien entrepreneur”;

(5) in subsection (d)(1)—

(A) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking “alien” and inserting “alien entrepreneur or sponsored entrepreneur, as applicable”;;

(B) in clause (i), by striking “invested, or is actively in the process of investing,” and inserting “has invested, is actively in the process of investing, or has been sponsored by a qualified super angel investor or qualified venture capitalist who has invested,”; and

(C) in clause (ii), by inserting “or 203(b)(6), as applicable” before the period at the end; and

(6) in subsection (f), by adding at the end the following:

“(4) The term ‘sponsored entrepreneur’ means an alien who obtains the status of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence under section 203(b)(6).”.

(d) GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE STUDY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit a report to Congress on the StartUp Visa Program, authorized under section 203(b)(6) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as added by subsection (b).

(2) CONTENTS.—The report described in paragraph (1) shall include information regarding—

(A) the number of immigrant entrepreneurs who have received a visa under the immigrant entrepreneurs program established under section 203(b)(6) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, listed by country of origin;

(B) the localities in which such immigrant entrepreneurs have initially settled;

(C) whether such immigrant entrepreneurs generally remain in the localities in which they initially settle;

(D) the types of commercial enterprises that such immigrant entrepreneurs have established; and

(E) the types and number of jobs created by such immigrant entrepreneurs.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO SUSPEND THE RULE

Mr. COBURN. Mr. President, I submit the following notice in writing: In accordance with rule V of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby give no-

tice in writing that it is my intention to move to suspend rule XXII, including germaneness requirements, for the purpose of proposing and considering amendment No. 309 on S. 493 (text of the amendment can be found in the section denoted “Text of Amendments”).

NOTICE OF HEARING

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. The hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 10, 2011, at 10 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony on new developments in upstream oil and gas technologies.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record may do so by sending it to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510-6150, or by e-mail to Abigail Campbell@energy.senate.gov.

For further information, please contact Allyson Anderson at (202) 224-7143 or Abigail Campbell at (202) 224-1219.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 3, 2011, at 10 a.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 3, 2011, at 2:30 p.m. in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 3, 2011, at 10 a.m. in room 366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Com-

mittee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 3, 2011, at 10 a.m., in 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled “Is the Distribution of Tax Burdens and Tax Benefits Equitable?”

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 3, 2011, at 10 a.m., to hold a hearing entitled, “Afghanistan: What is an Acceptable End-State and How Do We Get There?”

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 3, 2011, at 2:30 p.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EMERGING THREATS AND CAPABILITIES

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 3, 2011, at 2:30 p.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Blake Tice Taylor, Emily Wei, and Lynae Gruber of my staff be granted floor privileges for the duration of today’s proceedings.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MILITARY SPOUSE APPRECIATION DAY

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 160.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 160) designating May 6, 2011, as “Military Spouse Appreciation Day.”

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be laid on the table.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.